

# Arts in the Parks

## Hardy Lake Property Profile

**Website:** <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2958.htm>

### Key Messages/Stories:

- Hardy Lake is the smallest state-operated reservoir at 741 acres, but it has Indiana's largest state-owned dam. The Lake was originally constructed in 1970 as a water supply and outdoor recreation.
- Cultural History of the Area – Scott County was named after General Charles Scott (1739–1813) of Virginia. Scott was a hero of the Revolutionary and Indian Wars. He was the fourth Governor of the state of Kentucky (1808-1812). In 1863 Confederate John Hunt Morgan and about 1,800 Confederate soldiers traveled through Scott County in the famous “Morgan’s Raid” July 10–11. The platting of Scottsburg was recorded on March 27, 1871 by Henry K Wardell and William Estill. The town was named for Colonel Horace Scott, a popular general superintendent of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad. The spelling change to Scottsburg happened as the first post office was established.
- Hardy Lake’s property surrounds a picture perfect 741 acre lake. On the northern side of the lake is the Quick Creek Marsh that is home to huge variety native species of animals and plants and is a great place for birding and is popular with waterfowl hunters.
- Hardy Lake is home to the Dwight R Chamberlain Raptor Center. This center, which is not regularly open to the public, is the only wildlife rehabilitation owned by the State of Indiana. In addition to rehabilitating injured and orphaned birds of prey, the center houses a collection of non-releasable birds that are used in educational programming around the State.

### Top Five Things to Do:

- Fishing at Hardy Lake
- Nature Hikes on the 5 scenic trails on property
- Swimming at the beach
- Archery at our archery range by the office
- Attend one of many different nature programs, including live bird of prey programs, at the scenic amphitheater.

**Lodging:** Camping is available on site. Hotels are located within a 20-minute drive.

**General visitor profile:** Campers (weekends or weeklong); day-users for picnics, hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, and swimming at the beach.

### Potential arts venues:

- Amphitheater available: There is a covered stage with electricity available, with seating for 200. The amphitheater is situated inside the Class A Campground along the lake and which serves as a beautiful backdrop.



- Hardy has a large open beach area. This area has a large parking lot.
- A campfire ring area is available for programming. This area has seating for over 100 with bench and folding chair seating.

**Visitation in FY2014:** 300,000

**Nearby Communities:** Scottsburg, Madison

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